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As GOG aware US/discussions Soviets insisting IL-28's be removed from Cuba. Question of Cuba as potential base Soviet submarines also under discussion. Dept recognizes subversive threat posed by communist Castro regime and believes such subversion will remain outstanding problem once offensive weapons systems removed from Cuba. Dept fails perceive how recognition Cuban exile government will accomplish 1) expulsion Arbenz and ~~company~~ from Cuba, 2) withdrawal offensive weapons Cuba, or 3) cessation of Castro subversive activities.

Julio

Dept assumes from presence ~~Julio~~ Garceran ~~Guatemala~~ Cuban exile government would be headed by him. ~~Garceran~~ has little standing among exiles in US (despite his claims) and even less within Cuba. Ydigoras recognition Garceran in our exile government headed by ~~Garceran~~ would/ ~~our~~ judgment stir sharp criticism from most Cuban exiles/ leaders and expose GOG certain amount ridicule ~~and~~ having thrown obvious abroad for/ ~~in~~ with ~~lightweight~~ who going nowhere.

In any event Dept would not rptd not be disposed recognize Cuban exile government at this time for reasons well known to Embassy. During present

Cuban

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Cuban crisis hemispheric solidarity of utmost importance. GOC action to establish and recognize Cuban exile government would certainly not rptd not be followed by most ~~other~~ LA's and thus would result in untimely exposure hemispheric division to delight Castro and Soviets.

Trusting upon foregoing, Embassy should undertake dissuade Ydigoras this course. If Garceran still in Guatemala, Embassy should call him in and remind him recent conversations Hurwitch in Dept during which he undertook avoid crossing US policy in general and not rptd not participate Cuban government in exile specifically.

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